

Senate Study Bill 3070 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SMITH)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to special nonresident deer and wild turkey
2 hunting licenses issued to nonresident guests and
3 dignitaries.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
2 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Fifty of the nonresident deer hunting licenses shall
4 be allocated as ~~requested by a majority of a committee~~
5 ~~consisting of the majority leader of the senate, speaker of~~
6 ~~the house of representatives, and director of the economic~~
7 ~~development authority, or their designees~~ determined by the
8 department. The licenses provided pursuant to [this subsection](#)
9 shall be in addition to the number of nonresident licenses
10 authorized pursuant to [section 483A.8](#). The purpose of the
11 special nonresident licenses is to allow state officials and
12 local development groups to promote the state and its natural
13 resources to nonresident guests and dignitaries. Photographs,
14 videotapes, or any other form of media resulting from the
15 hunting visitation shall not be used for political campaign
16 purposes. The nonresident licenses shall be issued without
17 application upon purchase of a nonresident annual hunting
18 license that includes the wildlife habitat fee and the purchase
19 of a nonresident deer hunting license. The licenses are valid
20 in all zones open to deer hunting. The hunter education
21 certificate requirement pursuant to [section 483A.27](#) is waived
22 for a nonresident issued a license pursuant to [this subsection](#).

23 Sec. 2. Section 483A.24, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code
24 2020, is amended to read as follows:

25 a. Fifty of the nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses
26 shall be allocated as ~~requested by a majority of a committee~~
27 ~~consisting of the majority leader of the senate, speaker of~~
28 ~~the house of representatives, and director of the economic~~
29 ~~development authority, or their designees~~ determined by the
30 department. The licenses provided pursuant to [this subsection](#)
31 shall be in addition to the number of nonresident licenses
32 authorized pursuant to [section 483A.7](#). The purpose of the
33 special nonresident licenses is to allow state officials and
34 local development groups to promote the state and its natural
35 resources to nonresident guests and dignitaries. Photographs,

1 videotapes, or any other form of media resulting from the
2 hunting visitation shall not be used for political campaign
3 purposes. The nonresident licenses shall be issued without
4 application upon purchase of a nonresident annual hunting
5 license that includes the wildlife habitat fee and the purchase
6 of a nonresident wild turkey hunting license. The licenses are
7 valid in all zones open to wild turkey hunting. The hunter
8 education certificate requirement pursuant to [section 483A.27](#)
9 is waived for a nonresident issued a license pursuant to this
10 subsection.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill relates to special nonresident deer and wild
15 turkey hunting licenses allocated to nonresident dignitaries
16 and guests.

17 Under current law, a committee consisting of the
18 majority leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of
19 representatives, and the director of the economic development
20 authority, or their respective designees, may allocate up to
21 50 nonresident deer hunting licenses to nonresident guests and
22 dignitaries. A committee consisting of the same persons may
23 allocate up to 50 nonresident wild turkey hunting licenses
24 to nonresident guests and dignitaries. These licenses are
25 issued in addition to the number of nonresident licenses the
26 natural resource commission authorizes for nonresident deer
27 and wild turkey hunters. The deer hunting licenses are valid
28 in all zones open to deer hunting and the wild turkey hunting
29 licenses are valid in all zones open to wild turkey hunting.
30 The purpose of these licenses is to allow state officials and
31 local development groups to promote the state and its natural
32 resources to nonresident guests and dignitaries.

33 The bill eliminates the committees and requires the
34 department of natural resources to allocate the licenses.